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In this photo provided by Amber Reid, a passenger on Delta Flight 1086, passengers leave the plane after the aircraft skidded off the runway while landing, Thursday, March 5, 2015, at LaGuardia Airport in New York. Authorities said the plane, from Atlanta, carrying 125 passengers and five crew members, veered off the runway at around 11:10 a.m. before crashing through a chain-link fence and coming to rest with its nose perilously close to the edge of an icy bay.

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# Kerry seeks to ease Arab concerns of Iran deal

#### **MATTHEW LEE AP Diplomatic Writer**

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry sought Thursday to ease Gulf Arab concerns about an emerging nuclear deal with Iran and vowed that any agreement reached would not reduce America's commitment to combating Tehran's destabilizing actions in the Middle East and beyond.

Speaking at a news conference in Riyadh with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, Kerry said a nuclear agreement would not be part of a "grand bargain" with Iran and that the United States would continue to fully support its partners in the Gulf against Iranian interference.

"We are not seeking a grand bargain," Kerry said after meeting with the new Saudi monarch, King Salman, and the foreign

ministers of the of the Gulf Cooperation Council: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, all of which are Sunni-led states unnerved by Shiite Iran's suspected pursuit of nuclear weapons and its increasing assertiveness throughout the region.

"Nothing will be different the day after this agreement, if we were to reach one, with respect to all the other issues in this region," Kerry said. "Even as we engage in these discussions with Iran around its nuclear program," the secretary said, "we will not take our eyes off Iran's other destabilizing actions."

Of efforts to forge a framework agreement with Iran on its nuclear program by the end of March, Kerry said, "We have made progress, but there do remain serious gaps that need to be resolved."



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, takes part in a news conference with Saudi Foreign Minister Saud bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud on Thursday, March 5, 2015, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Kerry sought Thursday to ease Gulf Arab concerns about an emerging nuclear deal with Iran and explore ways to calm instability in Yemen and other troubled nations in the Middle East.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci, Pool)

# Family: Canadian pastor detained in North Korea

#### **ROB GILLIES Associated Press**

TORONTO (AP) — Canada's government has confirmed that a Canadian pastor has been detained family said Thursday.

Canadian officials told the family that North Korea's government confirmed the detention of Reverend Hyeon Soo Lim, said Lisa Pak, a spokeswoman for the family and the Light Korean Presbyterian Church in Toronto. Pak said Lim is facing charges but could not say what

Pak said Lim was supposed to return from a humanitarian trip to North Korea more than a month ago. He has is extremely limited," Erica not been heard from since he travelled to North Ko- Lim, 60, has made over 100 rea on Jan. 31 as part of a trips to North Korea. regular humanitarian mission where he supports a nursing home, a nursery and an orphanage, she said.

Pak said the trip was about helping people and not

political.

A spokeswoman for Lynne Yelich, Canada's junior minister responsible for consular affairs, said they are aware of a "Canadian citiin NorthKorea, the man's zen detained in North Korea" and said they are in contact with the family but declined further comment for privacy reasons.

> "Canada has long advised and continues to advise against any and all travel by Canadians to North Korea. Canadians should not travel to North Korea under any circumstance. As there is no resident Canadian Government office in the country, the ability of Canadian officials to provide consular assistance Meekes said in an email.

Pak said the family and the church community are asking fellow Canadians and the international community to continue praying for his release and safe return home.

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# Late winter storm blankets South, Northeast

SEAN CARLIN GEOFF MULVIHILL Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Winter could have at least one more blast for much of the U.S. after the late-season snow stops falling: Record low temperatures are in the forecast for dozens of cities.

By midday Thursday, a strong cold front moving across the eastern U.S. had dumped more than 20 inches of snow into parts of Kentucky, and conditions worsened in the Northeast as snow was starting to pile up, reaching nearly 6 inches and counting in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, outside Philadelphia, by early afternoon.

The massive snow in Kentucky left hundreds of driv-

ers stranded on two major highways.

In New York, a flight from Atlanta carrying 125 people skidded off the runway at LaGuardia Airport while landing and crashed through a fence. Passengers carrying bags and bundled in heavy coats and scarves slid down an inflated chute to safety on the snowy pavement. Any injuries appear to be minor. Schools, government offices and legislatures in the South and Northeast were shut down for what could be one of the last snow days at the end of a winter that's been brutal for much of the country.

The National Weather Service had winter storm warnings in effect from Texas to Nantucket, and the



Ryan Cooke clears snows at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md., Thursday, March 5, 2015, during a snowstorm. The U.S. federal government said its offices in the Washington area will be closed Thursday because of a new round of winter weather expected in the region. The Office of

Personnel Management said non-emergency personnel in and around Washington were granted excused absences for the day. Emergency employees and telework-ready employees were expected to work.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

forecast called for record cold temperatures in the

same area on Friday.

Authorities say that hundreds of drivers were stuck on two major highways in Kentucky, where snow totals reached nearly 2 feet. Many had to spend the night in their vehicles.

The National Guard was helping get people out.

Officials said more than 400 vehicles were stuck along I-24 between the western Kentucky towns of Cadiz and Eddyville. Gov. Steve Beshear said that 200 were still stuck by midday Thursday. There was an even larger pileup involving some 200 tractor-trailers on I-65 near Elizabethtown in central Kentucky.

A plane from Atlanta skidded off a runway at New York's LaGuardia Airport while landing Thursday, crashing through a chainlink fence and coming to rest with its nose perilously close to the edge of an icy

The Delta flight veered off the runway at around 11:10 a.m., authorities said. Emergency responders were still assessing people, but any injuries appeared to be minor, the Fire Department of New York said.

The plane came to rest in several inches of snow.

Passengers trudged through the snow in an orderly line after climbing off the plane. Both the airport's runways are closed until further notice, which is standard procedure after such incidents.

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines said the passengers were bused to a terminal. It said the airline will work with authorities to figure out what caused the crash.

The weather also meant cancelations of more than 4,000 flights to, from, or within the U.S. on Thursday, according to FlightAware. Ryan Maue, a meteorologist at Weather Bell Analytics, said cities including Waco, Texas; Chicago, Memphis and Cleveland should expect record cold Friday morning.

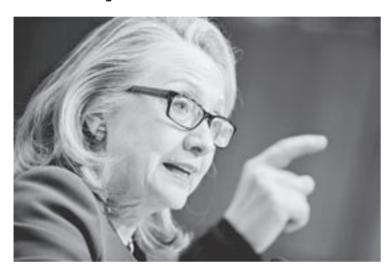
In some cases, the old records could be obliterated. In Memphis, for example, the coldest temperature on record for March 6 is 20 degrees. The forecast is calling for a low of 11. And at northern Virginia's Dulles Airport, a forecast low of 7 would shatter the record of 15.







# Hillary Clinton email trove under review for release



In this January 2013 photo, then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. The State Department agreed Thursday to review thousands of messages from a private email account that former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton used for official government business, but it cautioned that the process will move slowly and perhaps take months.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

#### STEPHEN BRAUN **Associated Press** WASHINGTON (AP)

The U.S. government will review a huge cache of Hillary Rodham Clinton's emails for possible release after revelations she conducted official business as secretary of state in the shadows of a private account. The disclosure has raised questions in the buildup to her expected presidential run about whether she adhered to the letter or spirit of accountability laws.

release of thousands of emails from her private account, opening a new window on her tenure in high office and providing potential fodder to critics.

Officials said Thursday the review by the State Department could take months,

potentially a drawn-out distraction for Clinton and an unnerving development for the many Democrats who see her as the party's presidential nominee-in-waiting for 2016.

Secretary of State John Kerry, in Saudi Arabia, said Thursday his department "will undertake this task as rapidly as possible in order to make sure that we are dealing with the sheer volume in a responsible way." The review was prompted by the disclosure that Clinton, in a departure from The matter is expected predecessors, relied exto result in the eventual clusively on the private account for emails about government business. The emails were sent from a private computer server using an Internet address that traces back to Clinton's family home in Chappaqua, New York.

department

nounced the review soon after Clinton addressed the matter for the first time, saying on Twitter that "I want the public to see my email. I asked State to release them."

It was not immediately clear what might be stopping Clinton from releasing them immediately on her own. Her spokesman and the State Department have said she never received or transmitted classified information on her private email account, so there should be no concerns about compromising national security.

"She had other ways of communicating through classified email through her assistants or her staff, with people, when she needed to use a classified setting," said Marie Harf, speaking for the State Department. Officials have said that Clinton has turned over more than 55,000 pages of emails to the department. Clinton's email practices gave her significant control over access to her message archives, highly unusual in government.

They also could complicate the State Department's legal responsibilities in finding and turning over official emails in response to any investigations, lawsuits or public records re-

The department would be in the position of accepting Clinton's assurances she was surrendering everything required that was in her control.

The matter also raises questions about whether anyone in government ex- ject the computer systems amined Clinton's private email server and network before it began operating and continued to review it Federal regulations sub-protected.

of some contractors and other organizations to federal oversight when they interact with government regularly during her tenure. systems to ensure they are





# Jodi Arias won't be sentenced to death as jury deadlocks

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Convict- did would give their names. ed murderer Jodi Arias was spared the death penalty Thursday after jurors deadlocked on her punishment for killing her lover in 2008, meaning her sentence will be at most life in prison.

Arias' 2013 trial became a sensation with its tawdry revelations about her relationship with victim Travis Alexander and that she shot him in the head and slit his throat so deeply that he was nearly decapitated.

It was broadcast live and TV audiences heard how Arias had stabbed and slashed Alexander nearly 30 times then left his body in his shower at his suburban Phoenix home, where friends found him about five days later.

Jurors said Thursday that they were 11-1 in favor of the death penalty and tried unsuccessfully to get the lone holdout kicked off the panel.

One male juror said he was anary, savina the female holdout indicated that the death penalty would be a form of revenge. The woman did not talk to reporters, and none of the jurors who

The deadlock means the judge will sentence Arias on April 13 to either life in prison or a life term with the possibility of release after 25 years. Family members of victim Travis Alexander wept when the judge said jurors couldn't reach a decision. They sobbed as they left the courtroom, with one covering her eyes as she walked out.

Attorney Jay Beckstead issued a statement from Alexander's brothers and sisters that they "are saddened by the jury's inability to reach a decision on the death penalty, however, we understand the difficulty of the decision, and have nothing but respect for the jury's time."

The siblings said they appreciated the outpouring of support from the public but requested privacy.

It marked the second time a jury was unable to reach a decision on Arias' punishment — a disappointment for prosecutors who argued for the death penalty during the nearly sevenyear legal battle.

The jury convicted her of



Jodi Arias stands for the jury during her sentencing retrial at Maricopa County Superior Court, in Phoenix. Arias was spared the death penalty Thursday, March 5, 2015, after jurors deadlocked on her punishment for killing her lover in 2008, meaning her sentence will be at most life in prison. (AP Photo/Cheryl Evans)

first-degree murder but deadlocked on punishment, prompting the sentencing retrial that began in October.

Prosecutors say Arias killed

Alexander as revenge because he wanted to date other women and was planning a trip to Mexico with his latest love interest. Defense attorney Kirk Nur-

mi told jurors that Arias deserves a second chance because she was the victim of verbal and physical abuse throughout her

## In Boston: Father tells jury about boy's bombing death

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**DENISE LAVOIE AP Legal Affairs Writer BOSTON (AP)** — With Dzhokhar Tsarnaev seated

at the defense table not far away Thursday, the father of an 8-year-old boy killed in the Boston Marathon bombing described the moment when he looked down at his son's pale, torn body and realized he wouldn't make it.

Martin Richard was one of three people killed in the bombing near the finish line of the race on April 15, 2013. The boy's younger sister, 6-year-old Jane, had her leg blown off, while their older brother, Henry, suffered minor injuries.

Their father, Bill Richard, testifying at Tsarnaev's federal death penalty trial, spoke in a slow, halting voice but remained largely composed as he described the chaos and confusion.

"I saw a little boy who had his body severely damaged by an explosion," Richard told the jury, "and I just knew from what I saw

that there was no chance, the color of his skin, and so on."

He said he watched as Jane tried to get up, then fell down. He scooped her up in one arm and took Henry in the other and "tried to shield both of their eyes" as he took them away.

Richard said he ran back across the street twice to check on his wife, Denise, and Martin. It was then he realized the extent of his middle child's injuries, and turned his attention to those who still had a chance.

"I knew in my head that I needed to act quickly or we might not only lose Martin, but we might lose Jane, too," he said.

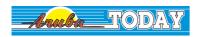
Tsarnaev, 21, showed no reaction to the testimony and appeared to look straight ahead, not making eye contact with Richard, who sat off to the side in the witness box.

Tsarnaev's lawyer has admitted the former college student took part in the bombings. But in a bid to save Tsarnaev from a death sentence, she argued that he was influenced by his older brother, Tamerlan, who was killed in a getaway attempt days after the bombing.

As Richard testified, the jury watched a video of the father rushing to help his chil-

Prosecutors paused the video frequently so that Richard could explain what was happening.

A prosecutor then circled a face in a photo — a young man in a white backward baseball cap — who could be seen just behind Jane and Martin, who were standing on a metal barricade, watching the race. It was Tsarnaev, shortly before the two pressure-cooker bombs went off. Richard took the stand as federal prosecutors continued trying to drive home the horror of the attack in such graphic detail that Tsarnaev's lawyers objected and were overruled.  $\square$ 





# Experts: Ferguson must move quickly to rebuild public trust



Attorney Daryl Parks, center, talks to reporters as Lesley Mc-Spadden, left, and Michael Brown Sr., right, parents of 18-yearold Michael Brown Jr., listen during a news conference, Thursday, March 5, 2015, in Dellwood, Mo. Neither McSpadden nor Brown spoke or took questions.

(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

#### **JIM SALTER Associated Press**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The federal government's withering report on the Ferguson Police Department issued a stern mandate to city leaders: Reform your law-enforcement practices and rebuild relations with the black community.

It won't be swift or simple, particularly if the same police chief is in charge and many of the same officers are on the beat. Some residents and civic leaders want to see wholesale changes in leadership or even complete dissolution of the department.

At the very least, experts must move quickly, and publicly, to prove it is serious about regaining public

Wednesday cleared Dar-Ferguson officer who shot

Michael Brown, of federal civil rights charges in the death of the 18-year-old, who was black and unarmed.

But a separate report released simultaneously found patterns of racial profiling, bigotry and profitdriven law enforcement and court practices in the St. Louis County suburb that has come to represent the tension between minorities and American police nationwide. Most of Ferguson's police officers and city leaders are white, but two-thirds of the 21,000 residents are black.

Meanwhile, attorneys for Brown's parents on Thurssaid Thursday, Ferguson day announced plans for a wrongful-death lawsuit against the city and Wilson. They did not say specifically when the complaint would The Justice Department on be filed. Brown's parents attended the news conferren Wilson, the white former ence announcing the case but did not speak or take questions.

Attorney Anthony Gray said the lawsuit will offer a "more accurate picture" of the fatal confrontation between Brown and the of-

"He had other options to him," Gray said of Wilson. "He chose deadly force as his option." Gray called that choice "unreasonable and unnecessary."

The Justice Department found that black drivers were more than twice as likely as others to be searched during routine

traffic stops. Minority residents bear the burden of fines and court costs expected to generate \$3 million this fiscal year. Black residents were more likely to face excessive force from police, often during unwarranted stops.

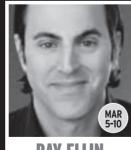
Police Chief Tom Jackson, in a reply to a texted interview request, said only, "I'm still looking into this report." Messages seeking comment from Ferguson Mayor James Knowles III and attorneys for Wilson were not returned.

The report also included seven racially tinged emails that did not result in punishment. Knowles said Wednesday that three employees were responsible for those emails. One was fired Wednesday, and the other two are on administrative leave pending an investigation, he said.

The report spurred calls from some for St. Louis County or another municipality to take over the department. Others urged Jackson to resign, or for the city to fire him.



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# US productivity falls at faster pace, labor costs rise

M. CRUTSINGER **AP Economics Writer WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. worker productivity was even weaker than first thought from October through December while labor costs rose at a faster

Productivity declined at an annual rate of 2.2 percent in the fourth quarter, weaker than the 1.8 percent drop that was esti-

mated a month ago, the Labor Department said Thursday. Labor costs rose at a 4.1 percent rate, faster than the 2.7 percent increase first estimated.

Weaker productivity and higher labor costs could spell inflation troubles for the economy. But analysts say that the changes in the fourth quarter are temporary and not an indication that inflation is about

to be a problem.

Analysts had expected the revision for productivity would be weaker than the first estimate, reflecting the fact that the government last week revised its estimate for economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic prod-

The GDP, the nation's total output of goods and services, was revised down to

growth of just 2.2 percent in the fourth quarter, slower than the initial estimate of 2.6 percent. Productivity is the amount of output per hour of work and with less output in the fourth quarter, productivity was revised lower as well.

The Federal Reserve closely watches developments in productivity and labor costs for any signs that wage pressures are rising to unwanted levels. But at the moment, the Fed is more worried that wages are not rising fast enough rather than rising too quickly.

For all of 2014, labor costs were up a modest 1.8 percent after a slight 0.2 percent gain in 2013. Productivity for all of 2014 was up just 0.7 percent, similar to the 0.9 percent gain in 2013.

# Applications for US jobless aid hit a 10-month high

C. S. RUGABER **AP Economics Writer WASHINGTON (AP)** — The number of people seeking unemployment benefits rose last week to the highest level since May, though the pace of applications

Department said Thursday. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, increased 10,250 to 304,750, a six-week high.

The number of applications tends to reflect the pace of U.S. layoffs. The

gains.

More Americans are earning paychecks, and gas prices have plummeted from last summer, thereby boosting consumers' buying power. Americans also say they are more con-

There are some signs that heavy snow and unseasonably cold weather have played a role in increasing the number of layoffs. Several states said two weeks ago that applications had risen because of bad weather.

Kentucky said applications for unemployment benefits in that state rose nearly 3,000 in the week that ended Feb. 21 because of "inclement weather."

Guy Berger, an economist at RBS Securities, noted that snow and ice hit the Midwest and upper South in the final two weeks of February, likely boosting the number of applications. But that increase would have occurred after the government conducted its surveys for the February jobs report, to be released Friday.

"Tomorrow's employment data should not be terribly affected," Berger said in a note to clients.

Economists have forecast that the report will show employers added 240,000 jobs and that the unemployment rate dipped to 5.6 percent from 5.7 percent.

The state-level information is released with a oneweek lag. Massachusetts, which has experienced huge snowfalls this winter, said applications jumped 3,800 two weeks ago, in part because of layoffs at schools.

That likely reflects temporary layoffs of school bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other employees during school system closures. Workers on temporary layoffs can apply for unemployment aid.

Still, the four-week average of applications for benefits is nearly 10 percent lower than it was a year ago. The reduced number of applications has coincided with a big step-up in hiring. Employers added more than 1 million jobs from November through January, the strongest three-month pace since 1997.

That pace of hiring probably won't be sustained for much longer, economists say. But they foresee healthy job gains for the rest of this year.



U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Christopher Triana, left, talks about job probabilities to U.S. Border Patrol agent Frank Miller, right, at the annual Veterans Career and Resource Fair in Miami. The Labor Department released weekly jobless claims for the week ending Feb. 28 on Thursday, March 5, 2015. (AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

remains at a level consistent with steady hiring. Weekly applications rose 7,000 to a seasonally adjusted 320,000, the Labor

four-week average has remained near or below 300,000 since September, a historically low level that typically signals healthy job

fident and are spending more, which has encouraged many businesses to hold on to their workers and to add staff.

# American factory orders slip 0.2 percent in January

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER AP Economics Writer** WASHINGTON (AP) — Orkey investment category showed a gain.

Orders to factories edged down 0.2 percent in January following declines of 3.5 percent in December and 1.7 percent in November, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

In an encouraging sign, orders in a category viewed as a proxy for business inders to U.S. factories fell vestment showed an inagain in January but a crease of 0.5 percent in January following declines of 0.5 percent in both December and November.

Orders for durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, showed an increase of 2.8 percent for January, unchanged from the government's pre-

liminary estimate last week. Orders for nondurable goods, items such as chemicals, paper and food, fell 3.1 percent after a drop of manufacturers because it 3.3 percent in December. The nondurable category is being dragged down by steep declines in the price of petroleum products.

U.S. manufacturers have been held back in recent months by weak growth in China, Europe and Ja-

pan, which also depressed demand for American exports. A stronger dollar is also hurting American means U.S. goods are more expensive in overseas markets while foreign products are cheaper in the United States.

The Institute for Supply Management reported Monday that its manufacturing index slipped to a reading of 52.9 in February, down from 53.5 in January. It was the fourth straight drop and the lowest reading since January 2014. Still, any reading above 50 indicates that the manufacturina sector is expandina.

The index had reached a three-year high in August. Economists expect manufacturing will expand further this year but at a slower pace than in 2014.





# NATO, Russia exchange barbs reminiscent of Cold War days



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, listens to visiting Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi in Moscow, Russia, Thursday, March 5, 2015. Italy's prime minister visited Moscow on Thursday in a bid to repair ties that have been hurt by Russia-West tensions over Ukraine.

(AP Photo/Sergei Karpukhin, pool)

#### RAF CASERT V. ISACHENKOV Associated Press

RIGA, Latvia (AP) — NATO and Russia exchanged heated language reminiscent of Cold War days on Thursday with accusations of sinister geopolitical plotting and human rights abuses flying across an increasingly deep divide.

NATO's top U.S. civilian official, Alexander Vershbow, said Thursday that "an angry, revisionist Russia" was stopping at little to re-establish its clout in Europe, including redrawing "borders by force to achieve its goals."

Vershbow, the alliance's deputy secretary-general, told a conference in Latvia that President Vladimir Putin's "aim seems to be to turn Ukraine into a failed

state and to suppress and discredit alternative voices in Russia, so as to prevent a Russian 'Maidan,'" referring to the Ukraine uprising which ousted Moscow-ally Viktor Yanukovych as president last year.

He rattled off a litany of harsh accusations against the Kremlin.

Under Putin, Vershbow said, Russia has developed "a new form of 'hybrid warfare,' combining military intimidation, disguised intervention, the covert supply of weapons and weapon systems, economic blackmail, diplomatic duplicity and media manipulation, with outright disinformation." In Moscow, Russian Deputy Defense Minister Anatoly Antonov blasted the West for trying to enforce its will on others and

cast Russia as an enemy. He condemned NATO's decision to create command and control centers in the Baltic states and three other eastern allies, and to upgrade a headquarters unit in Poland calling those moves a clear signal that the alliance views Russia much as it once did the Soviet Union. Antonov said that while attending the recent Munich security conference he was struck by "mad, paranoid" talk about Russia's coming military onslaught. "Western countries are building new divisive lines," he said. "Russia has been picked up as a target."

Russia's permanent representative to NATO, Alexander Grushko, said the alliance is dreaming of a "Russian Maidan."

The European Union and NATO have been harshly critical of Russia's involvement in the standoff in eastern Ukraine and the annexation by Moscow of the Crimea peninsula.

The 28 EU nations have imposed a series of sanctions against Moscow, including visa bans and asset freezes on top Russian officials, with Antonov being the latest addition to the list.

Moscow rejects NATO claims that it has designs on its neighbors, countering that it the West that is using the Ukraine crisis to try to expand the alliance

further east.

"NATO countries have used the situation in southeastern Ukraine as a pretext to drop diplomatic language, loopholes and slogans and move forward closer to Russian borders," Antonov said in remarks released by the Russian defense ministry. "The alliance has found a chance to find a new lease of life, as a phoenix. Everyone was thinking who would be the threat after the Soviet Union was gone," he said. "Now they have a nice opportunity to cast Russia as an enemy."



#### South Korea:

# Attacker of U.S. Ambassador said to be 'a fringe element'

# CHOE SANG-HUN © 2015 New York Times

SEOUL, South Korea - The man who attacked the U.S. ambassador to South Korea on Thursday morning is a fringe political activist with a history of violence, and he acted alone when he rushed the diplomat and slashed his face with a knife, the South Korean police said.

The man, Kim Ki-jong, who the police said used a 10-inch knife to attack Ambassador Mark W. Lippert at a breakfast meeting, had received a suspended two-year prison term for an attack on the Japanese ambassador to South Korea in 2010 and was known to sometimes stage nationalistic, one-man protests.

Kim said he assaulted Lippert to protest continuing joint military exercises between the United States and South Korea, which some South Koreans fear make reconciliation with North Korea harder.

"The man who attacked the ambassador is very much a fringe element, with a personal history of political violence, who represents no broader sentiment or trend among the

lence by this single individual as indicative of some larger anti-American feeling in South Korea." have mostly moved to the fringes of society as North Korea's nuclear threat has grown and China aggres-



Injured U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Mark Lippert, center, gets into a car to leave for a hospital in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, March 5, 2015. Lippert was attacked by a man wielding a razor and screaming that the rival Koreas should be unified, South Korean police and media said Thursday.

(AP Photo/Yonhap, Kim Ju-Sung)

Korean public," said John Delury, a U.S. professor at Yonsei University in Seoul. "It would be a mistake to interpret the spasm of vioAlthough anti-American sentiment has sometimes revealed itself in South Korea, a strong U.S. ally, in recent years those feelings sively asserted its influence in the region.

Lippert was in stable condition Thursday after surgery, said Robert W. Ogburn, a spokesman at the U.S. Embassy. The ambassador suffered a 4-inch-long cut to the right side of his face, which required 80 stitches, as well as stab wounds on his left arm and hand, which he appeared to have suffered while resisting the attack, doctors at Yonsei University's Severance Hospital in Seoul said. Lippert, who often interacts with the South Korean public through social media, was upbeat Thursday on Twitter.

"Doing well & in great spirits!" he posted from his hospital bed. "Will be back ASAP to advance US-ROK alliance," referring to the Republic of Korea, South Korea's official name, by its initials.

By Thursday evening, North Korea's propagandists were praising Kim's knife attack as a South Korean "expression of resistance" against the United States.

"He boldly attacked Lippert, punishing him with knife slashes of justice," said North Korea's staterun news agency, KCNA.

# Syria says it killed military leader of al-Qaida group

BEIRUT (AP) — The military commander of al-Qaida's Syrian affiliate was killed Thursday in an explosion targeting a meeting of senior militants in northern Syria which also killed and wounded a number of other fighters.

State-run news agency SANA said Abu Hommam al-Shami was killed in a military operation carried out by the Syrian army that targeted a Nusra Front meeting in the village of Habeet, in the northern Idlib province.

It did not elaborate, but the report suggested he was killed in an airstrike. The Britain-based Syrian

Observatory for Human Rights confirmed that a number of prominent leaders, including Abu Hommam, were killed when a Nusra Front leadership meeting was targeted.

It said it was not clear whether the meeting was targeted by a U.S.-led coalition airstrike or a Syrian army strike.

The fate of the group's overall leader, Abu Mohammad al-Golani, was not clear, it said, although there were reports that he

had been in the area. The reports could not be independently verified.

The Syrian government, which insists it is fighting terrorists in Syria, has an interest in taking out Nusra and Islamic State leaders to prove it is fighting a shared enemy of the West. It has in the past claimed to have killed al-Golani, but the reports were later refuted.

The U.S. has been carrying out airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Syria, a rival of the Nusra Front, and has on several occasions struck a cell within

Nusra that U.S. officials say was plotting attacks against the West.

The Nusra Front controls large parts of northern Syria and Idlib province in particular, and has seized territory from other more moderate rebels fighting to topple President Bashar Assad. Most recently, it has clashed with the U.S.backed Hazm group, which later dissolved itself. Earlier Thursday, Syrian government helicopter gunships bombed the northern city of Aleppo, killing at least 18 people and wounding dozens,

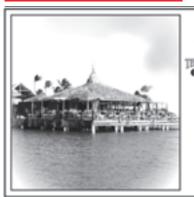
activists said.

The bombings came as Syrian President Bashar Assad vehemently denied in an interview with Portuguese state television that his military drops crude explosives known as barrels bombs on civilians.

"You are talking about massive propaganda," Assad said in the interview. The aerial attack on a rebel-held neighborhood was in apparent reprisal for an attack the day before by opposition fighters against a building used by the government's state intelligence services.



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# Amid crisis, Venezuelans commemorating Chavez

**FABIOLA SANCHEZ Associated Press** CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

Early morning fireworks burst over Venezuela's capital on Thursday for a commemoration of Hugo Chavez on the second anniversary of his death, even as an economic crisis threatens to undo the former president's legacy of lifting many out of poverty.

Mourners were expected to gather later in the day at his tomb in a former military barrack perched atop a hillside slum. Chavez died in 2013 after a long battle with cancer, but the exact nature of the cancer has never been revealed.

While Chavez is still revered by many poor Venezuelans, support for his hand-picked successor, Nicolas Maduro, has been plunging almost as quickly as the price of oil on which the economy de-

The economy has for months been suffering from widespread shortages of basic goods that contributed to 68 percent inflation last year, the highest in the world. And poverty, which had fallen under Chavez, has been steadily rising even before the economy started to contract last year, according to the United Nations.

More bad news could be on the way, with analysts pointing to a precipitous drop of the nation's currency on the black market as a sign that inflation could hit triple digits

The so-called "strong bolivar" created by Chavez in 2007 weakened to a record low 260 per U.S. dollar on Thursday, according to DolarToday, a website which says tracks the black market rate based on currency trades along the Colombian border. It's fallen more than 35 percent in the past two

weeks, according the web-

"Three days ago the dollar at 220 was considered too expensive and now it's cheap," said Jose Guerra, a former central bank researcher

Driving the currency volatility is the apparent failure by the government's new currency system to meet demand for greenbacks. Last month, the government unveiled what it said would be a free-floating exchange rate where individuals and businesses could buy dollars when unable to obtain them at the tightly controlled preferential rates reserved for import priority imports.

But obtaining dollars at the new so-called Simadi rate, now at 176 bolivars per dollar, has proven elusive.

As Maduro's approval ratings have dipped into the low-20-percent range, he has leaned ever more heavily on the legacy of the popular predecessor.

The socialist government has rolled out a type font based on Chavez's handwriting, and this winter it debuted a ballet based on the revolutionary leader's life. Chavez's portrait in a red beret is still seen on innumerable buildings. His words and his rendition of the national anthem can still be heard daily on television.

Even when the Chavez highlight reel isn't playing, Maduro features photos of the late leader at nearly all official events. He once said he'd spotted his mentor in the form of a little bird.

Chavez tapped the world's biggest oil reserves to aid the poor during his 14 years in office, and poverty fell from nearly 50 percent in 2002 to less than 30 percent in 2011, according to the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America.



A man holds a framed image of the late President Hugo Chavez during a pro-government rally outside of the Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela. Venezuelans commemorated Hugo Chavez on the second anniversary of his death, Thursday, March 5, 2015, even as an economic crisis threatens to undo the former president's legacy of lifting thousands out of poverty. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)





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# Egypt to offer projects worth \$35B during conference

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt plans to offer some 50 projects valued at up to \$35 billion at an international investment conference later this month, officials said Thursday, as the country looks to revive an economy battered by four years of un-

Some 1,700 international investors, executives, govciers and experts have registered to attend the three-day conference beginning March 13 in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, International Cooperation Minister Naglaa al-Ahwani said at a press conference Thursday.

In the years of turmoil since the 2011 uprising that

ernment officials, finan- toppled Hosni Mubarak, growth rates have sunk to around 2 percent, leaving the government with a budget deficit hovering around 12 percent.

> President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who plans to inaugurate the conference, has prioritized the economy since assuming office last year, and took the unprec

edented step of partially lifting energy subsidies.

His government has been propped up by Gulf allies, who have given Egypt over \$20 billion in aid since 2013, when the military removed Islamist President Mohammed Morsi from power following massive protests against him.

Egypt attracted some \$1.3

billion in foreign investment in the first quarter of the current fiscal year ending in June, Investment Minister Ashraf Salman said at the press conference Thursday. The government hopes to reach \$8 billion by the end of the fiscal year, nearly double the amount from the previous year.

ing eurozone government

# Draghi: ECB to Begin Bond-Buying Program on Monday

**JACK EWING** © 2015 New York Times

NICOSIA, Cyprus - The European Central Bank will begin its big new stimulus program Monday, the bank's president, Mario Draghi, announced Thursday, as he predicted improvements in the economy and in the eurozone's inflation picture as a result of the effort.

That was one of many details the financial markets had been awaiting since the central bank announced in January that it would embark on a program of large-scale asset purchases - a so-called quantitative easing effort intended to fix the collapse in consumer prices.

Staff economists at the central bank raised their forecasts for growth this year to 1.5 percent, and to 1.9 percent for 2016. Draghi said that recent data pointed to improvement in the eurozone economy, but that the staff projections indicated that the central bank would not approach its target of inflation below, but close to, 2 percent until 2017 at the earliest. "The risks remain on the downside," Draghi said, "but have diminished."

Because of low oil prices, The central bank, meet-

said. But it revised its inflation forecast for 2016 upward, to 1.5 percent, and to 1.8 percent for 2017.

0.05 percent. With inflation in negative territory, the

bonds and other debt at central bank is expected a monthly rate of 60 billion to keep the main rate at euros (about \$67 billion) in close to zero indefinitely. an attempt to push inflation back toward the official target. Analysts have questioned

whether the ECB would be able to find enough debt to meet its goals. Demand for government bonds issued by Finland, Germany and some other countries is so strong that the bonds have negative interest rates. In effect, investors are willing to pay some debtors to keep their money safe.

Bond buying is a way for the ECB to effectively print money and inject it into the economy. But confidence in the central bank's ability to rekindle inflation could suffer if the market is so tight that it is unable to meet its goal of buying 60 billion euros of debt a month. "The ECB is unlikely to find it very easy to accumulate such a large volume of paper," analysts at Barclays said in a note to investors.

Still, the policy might already have had a beneficial effect.



Cypriots, many of which accuse the European Central Bank of making the country's problems worse, arrive to demonstrate in the capital, Nicosia in Cyprus. The bank will begin its new stimulus program Monday, its president, Mario Draghi, announced Thursday, and he predicted improvements in the economy and in the eurozone's inflation picture as a result of the effort. (Angelos Tzortzinis/The New York Times)

inflation is expected to remain low - or even in negative territory - until later this year, the central bank

ing in the capital city of Cyprus, the easternmost member of the eurozone, left its benchmark rate at The monetary policy meeting is the first since the central bank said on Jan. 22 that it would begin buy-

# China lowers growth target, promises to open industries

**JOE McDONALD Associated Press** 

**BEIJING (AP)** — China set a lower economic growth dustries to foreign investors as it tries to make its slowing, state-dominated economy more productive.

The growth target of about 7 percent, down from last year's 7.5 percent, is in line with efforts to create a "moderately prosperous

society," said Premier Li Kegiang in a report Thursday to China's ceremonial promised to open more in-7.4 percent, the lowest lypolluted. since 1990.

> The ruling Communist Party is in the midst of a marathon effort to guide the world's second-largest economy to slower but more selfsustaining growth based on domestic consumption and services. It is trying to

replace a worn-out model driven by trade and investment in construction and national legislature. Last heavy industry that has left target for this year and year's actual growth was China's air and water bad-

> "We need to maintain a proper balance between ensuring steady growth and making structural adjustments," said Li in the report to the National People's Congress in the Great Hall of the People in central Beijing. The full session

of the 2,964-member NPC usually is limited to endorsing policy decisions already made by the ruling party but serves as a platform to publicize reform initiatives and set a tone for government work.

Communist leaders say they are comfortable with the slowdown that President Xi Jinping, invoking an American phrase, has dubbed "the new normal." But in a sign they are afraid

of a politically dangerous spike in joblessness, they have tried to spur activity with two interest rate cuts since November and a reduction inbusiness taxes.

Li promised to give entrepreneurs and foreign investors a bigger role in an economy that after three decades of market-oriented reforms still is dominated by government-owned banks, oil producers and other companies.



# Celebrity Cruise's 2015 Motorcycle Tour on Aruba a Hit!







ORANJESTAD - Wednesday, Mr. Steve Wallach, President of ETA Motorcycle Cruises and his friends from the U.S.A. and Canada, were back on the island for just a day. The Celebrity Cruise lines take them through the Caribbean for a week and their favorite island is Aruba.

But what a difference it was this year compared to last year when the sun was shining bright and lots of sun block needed to be used. Unfortunately this time rain came pouring down and nobody needed to worry to get sunburned. But just like real bikers do, the ride covering the entire island with stops at Baby Beach, Casibari Rock formation and many more places of interest, continued like nothing happened.







After a day of riding the entire group ended up at the local Harley Davidson dealer: Big Twin for a few ice-cold drinks.

Last year Aruba hosted this Motorcycle Cruise event with 22 bikes that came off the cruise ship to enjoy the beautiful scenery of our island. This year another 18 bikes (14 of them were Harley Davidson's) and 4 trikes, with owners from TN, PA, VA, FL, and Canada, teamed up with many local bikers, who took time off from work, to do the island trip which again was organized by Aruba's famous Mr. Tony Bosch. Again this was a very well organized event and we are sure to see this group of traveling bikers back next year for their island hopping trip.









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ers that will continue to grow with the company for years to come.

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try, which in turn increases the service quality.

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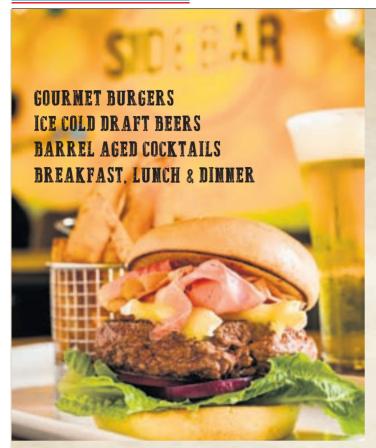
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Sidebar is the newest restaurant on Aruba, and oh boy, it is a beauty! Unique in a trendy, sassy and sexy way, it is ready to welcome all of you.



Common ground and denominating factor of the guests includes the enjoyment of life, in particular the good things, such as great bistro food, wonderful drinks and a relaxed, happy atmosphere. Sidebar is the name of a stylish, hip restaurant on the side of the Renaissance Marketplace; just hop inside, sit at the bar or on the amazing porch and enjoy – the party at Sidebar starts at 8 am and goes on until midnight.

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preciation to the guests who visit Aruba 35-or-more consecutive years.

Darline S. de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mislady of Activities desk and Antonio Leo conducted the ceremony at Caribbean Palm Village.

Top reasons for returning provided by the honorees are that they consider Aruba to be the "Happy Island," the great weather and friendly Aruban hospitality

Congratulations Henry & Doris - you hold a special place in the hearts of Arubans.



#### At The Kitchen Table by White:

# An Explosion of Creativity by Luis Mesquita on Display

--Local artist showcases art alongside chef Urvin's culinary masterpieces on Eagle Beach.

**EAGLE BEACH** - Every month, The Kitchen Table by White has the privilege to turn its surroundings into an art gallery and host a local artist's work. Luis Mesquita is originally from Uruguay, but has been living on Aruba for the past 7 years. Luis found he was truly inspired by the natural beauty and spiritual stimulation he experienced from the moment he set foot on Aruba. "It was like an explosion of all the creativity in my soul that had been repressed until then", he expresses. He studies the driftwood he finds washed up on shore, and in a short time, the soul of the



wood speaks to him. The results are some fantastical creatures, merging real life denizens of the deep with his lively imagination. This stunning exposition of sculptures and painting will be on display through the end of March at The Kitchen Table by White, located at Blue Residences on the outskirts of Eagle Beach.

Chef Urvin, who is known for elevating local dishes to haute cuisine, displays his very own culinary masterpieces at the restaurant alongside the art on the walls. The Kitchen Table has been met with overwhelming critical acclaim since opening 8 months ago by locals, tourists and his peers. Amongst its distinguished patrons were Chef Francois Geurds from the two star Michelin restaurant FG in Rotterdam and Chef Lucas Rive of his namesake restaurant in the Dutch port town of Hoorn, also a Michelin star restaurant. Recently. The Kitchen Table by White was named number #1 for Caribbean cuisine by USA Today's Aruba expert Lilliana Erasmus. The 8-course prix fixe menu at The Kitchen Table by White changes monthly,





and for March, they are presenting a retrospect of those dishes their patrons found particularly captivating. Chef Urvin has selected one special item from each of the monthly menus, beginning with "Lama," a seafood starter and also everyone's favorite, Keshi Yena, with The Kitchen Table's special twist. Seating at Kitchen

Table is extremely limited. Only 14 reservations accepted nightly and four held for spur-of-the-moment gourmands. Reserve early online via reservations@ktbywhite.com or call 528-7015.

For more information on Luis Mesquita's art at The Kitchen Table please contact charruarte@hotmail.com.











# SPURIS SECONDAY



In this Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, photo, Kurt Busch stands on pit road prior to qualifying for the Daytona 500.

**Associated Press** 

#### Prosecutors: No criminal charge for NASCAR driver Kurt Busch

# RANDALL CHASE Associated Press DOVER, Delaware (AP)

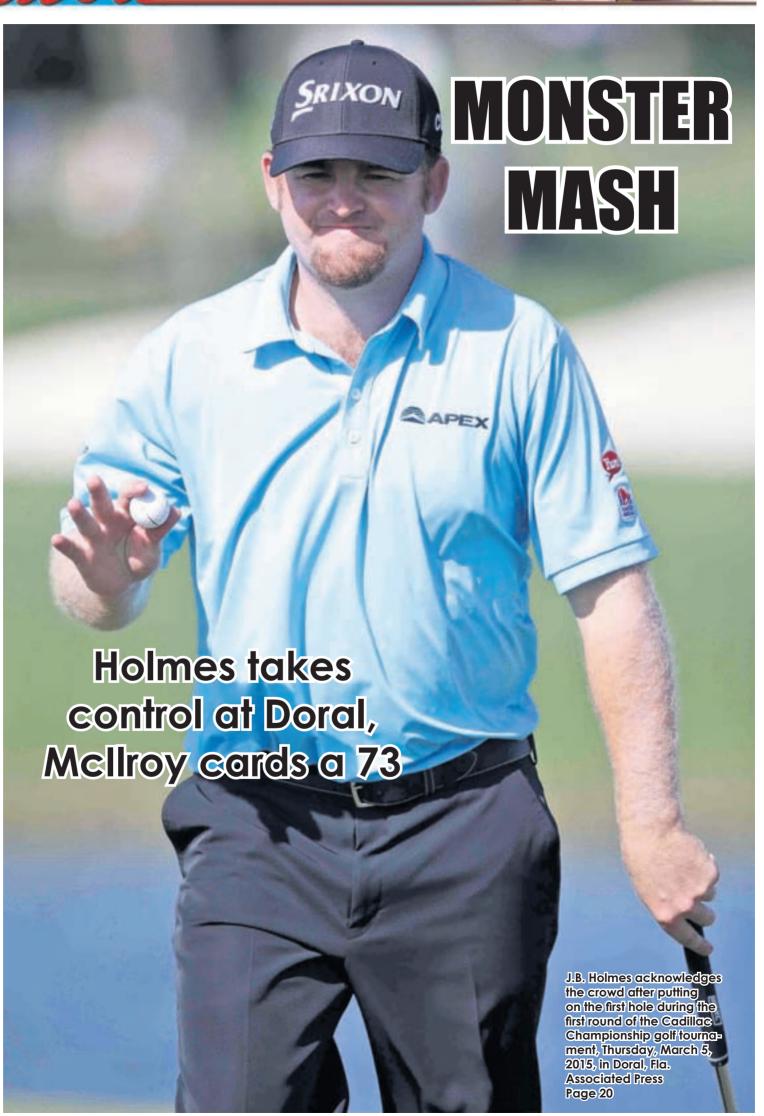
— NASCAR driver Kurt Busch will not face criminal charges over claims by his ex-girlfriend that he smashed her head into a bedroom wall and choked her, Delaware prosecutors said on Thursday.

The decision by the state attorney general's office ends the criminal investigation of Busch, known in NASCAR circles as "The Outlaw," over allegations by Patricia Driscoll, whom Busch's attorneys portrayed as a scorned woman who tried to destroy Busch's career after he ended their relationship.

State prosecutors said there was not enough evidence to bring criminal charges.

"It is determined that the admissible evidence and available witnesses would likely be insufficient to meet the burden of establishing beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Busch committed a crime during the September 26th incident," the attorney general's office said in a prepared statement.

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# 'Informal' talks on Michael Phelps competing at worlds

#### By BETH HARRIS **AP Sports Writer**

Michael Phelps possibly could swim in this summer's world championships if his ban is overturned by USA Swimming.

There have been discussions about Phelps' possible participation in the world meet to be held in Russia starting in late July.

However, USA Swimming spokesman Scott Leightman characterized any conversations as informal and preliminary. He says it is premature to comment about the future.

Phelps' six-month suspension as a result of his second drunken driving arrest ends April 6. He had already qualified for worlds, the biggest international meet leading up to next year's Rio Olympics.

The 18-time Olympic champion agreed he would not represent the U.S. at the world meet as part of his suspension by USA Swimming handed down last fall. Phelps has remained in training and is expected to return to competition



In this Aug. 20, 2014, file photo, U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps laughs during a news conference ahead of the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Gold Coast, Australia.

at a meet in Arizona next month.

representatives Phelps' have declined to discuss the matter.

The deadline for the U.S. to submit the names on its final roster for worlds is June 15. Preliminary entries were

due last Monday, with countries having to list the maximum number of competitors they intend to register in each event.

rstar is qualified for the ter freestyle, 100 butterfly Lochte was named to re-

and 200 individual medley. He could swim in up to three relays, whose lineups are decided by the coaching staff.

After it was announced that Phelps wouldn't swim world meet in the 100-me- in Russia, Olympian Ryan place him in the 100 free, Olympian Tyler Clary took his place in the 200 IM and Tim Phillips was added to the team for the 100 fly.

Phelps came out of retirement last year with his sights set on competing at a fifth Olympics in Rio. Not competing at the world meet would prevent him from measuring himself against the best swimmers, but wouldn't affect his chances of competing in the Olympics. The U.S. team for Rio will be chosen at trials next summer.

Phelps' arrest last fall came about a month after he won three golds and two silvers at the Pan Pacific Championships in Australia. He retired after the 2012 London Olympics, having won a record 18 gold medals and 22 medals in four

He has since attended a rehab program and got engaged recently.

Conversations about Phelps' possibly swimming at worlds were first reported by ESPN.

#### **Kurt Busch**

Continued from page 17

A spokesman for the Dover Police Department, which investigated the incident and turned over its findings to the attorney general's office, said the department respects the decision, and would have no further comment.

In a prepared statement, Busch thanked prosecutors, and his supporters for standing by him "throughout this nightmare."

"As I have said from the beginning, I did not commit domestic abuse," Busch said. "I look forward to being back in racing as soon as possible, and moving on with my life."

Driscoll said in a prepared statement she was disappointed "full justice" was not served. Driscoll, who made the rounds of television shows after being granted a no-contact order, also suggested media coverage of the case was marked by "distortions" and "sensationalism." She offered no specifics.

NASCAR officials indefinitely suspended Busch last month after a Delaware Family Court commissioner granted Driscoll a "protection from abuse," or no-contact, order, saying the former champion more than likely choked and beat her inside his motorhome at Dover International Speedway last fall.

Busch lost two rounds of appeals for reinstatement before the season-opening Daytona 500, and has missed the first two races of the season, but NASCAR officials said on Monday he has agreed to follow their recommended guidelines to be eligible for eventual reinstatement.

Driscoll said Busch assaulted her in September after she drove from her Maryland home to Dover to check on Busch after



In this Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015 photo, Kurt Busch stands in his garage during a practice session for the Daytona 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Daytona International Speedway, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

**Associated Press** 

receiving disturbing texts. and neck and slammed argued in the bedroom of three times. grabbed her by the face until November. She testi-

Driscoll said she and Busch her head against a wall

the motorhome before he But she did not file charges

fied that she feared the incident might affect an ongoing child custody battle with her ex-husband in Maryland.





# Peyton Manning back for 18th NFL season, signs contract

**ARNIE STAPLETON AP Pro Football Writer** ENGLEWOOD, Colorado

(AP) — Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Mantract on Thursday.

thing out with Peyton so that he will be part of our team this season," Broncos general manager John Elway said.

The five-time NFL MVP agreed on Thursday to a \$4 million pay cut to \$15 million, but he can earn all of at his surgically repaired it back through incentives, according to a person with knowledge of the deal who spoke on condition of anonymity because the details weren't publicized.

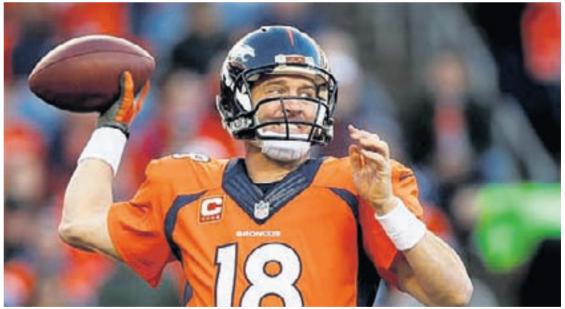
He'd get \$2 million each for winning the AFC title and the Super Bowl.

Manning mulled retirement after the Broncos' playoff loss to the Indianapolis Colts. But he determined he still had the health and hunger to keep playing at age 39, and keep pursuing another Super Bowl title.

Manning, who won a Super Bowl with the Colts in 2006, met with Elway a few weeks ning passed his physical ago after taking some time and signed his revised con- to decompress from an arduous season, and told him "We're glad to work some- he wasn't ready to retire. Elway asked him to take a pay cut, and the sides hashed out a new deal on Wednesday.

The deal was contingent on him passing his physical. Every year, the Broncos medical staff takes a look neck to make sure there's not any degeneration in the discs above and below the ones that were fused in 2011.Manning didn't meet with reporters after visiting team headquarters to get put his signature on the revised contract, which still calls for him to make \$19 million in 2016.

Manning, who turns 39 on March 24, will return to Denver for the start of offseason



In this Dec. 7, 2014, file photo, Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning passes against the Buffalo Bills during an NFL football game in Denver

workouts on April 13. Then, a clean bill of health, and it's time to adapt to new coach Gary Kubiak's West Coast offense and continue his pursuit of a second Super Bowl trophy.

> Manning has a 179-77 record in the regular season. He's led the Broncos to the

best record in the NFL in each of his three seasons in Denver but, each time, the team unraveled in the playoffs: A 35-point Super Bowl loss to Seattle, and two stunning home flops following first-round byes. He has half as many Super

#### **Associated Press**

Bowl titles as brother Ell. Manning owns most of the significant quarterback records, and is 2,148 yards shy of breaking Brett Favre's career yardage record of 71,838, and seven victories short of breaking Favre's record of 186 career wins.



# Holmes opens 4-shot lead at Blue Monster

**DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer** 

DORAL, Fla. (AP) — J.B. Holmes never liked the old Blue Monster at Doral because he thought it was too easy for a World Golf Championship.

He said this with a straight face Thursday after a 10-under 62 that tied the tournament record at the Cadillac Championship, gave him a four-shot lead and left the rest of this world-class field to wonder just how he managed.

"I was able to hit the shots where I envisioned and hit good shots, and today the putter was on," Holmes said. "Put that combination together, you do everything pretty good, you're going to shoot a good score."

He made it sound as easy as it looked. Except that Trump National Doral wasn't all that easy for everyone else.

Rory McIlroy again felt tentative with his swing and shot 40 on his opening nine holes before finishing without a par on his last six holes — an eagle, three birdies and two bogeys that allowed him to salvage a 73. The world's No. 1 player has shot 73-74-73 in his three rounds in Florida this year.

Phil Mickelson shot 74 and failed to make a birdie for the first time in 186 rounds on the PGA Tour, dating to



J.B. Holmes hits on the second fairway during the first round of the Cadillac Championship golf **Associated Press** tournament, Thursday, March 5, 2015, in Doral, Fla.

the final day at Olympic Club in the 2012 U.S. Open. "Ten under? You're joking," Shane Lowry said after a hard-fought 71.

Ryan Moore was hanging with him until he hit his tee shot into the water on the par-5 18th hole and made double bogey. He still had

"It was a very fair test of golf," Moore said. "I mean, it's difficult, but you can make some birdies."

Dustin Johnson ran off four

birdies in a five-hole stretch on the back nine and was at 68, along with Alexander Levy of France and Rickie Fowler, who thought his round was solid. "To shoot 68 in some tough conditions on a tough golf course and be six back, wouldn't really expect that," Fowler said.

Henrik Stenson, making his American debut, had six birdies and joined Phoenix Open winner Brooks Koepka at 69. The group at 70

included Adam Scott, who used a conventional putter for the first time in just over four years.

Holmes last played at Doral in 2010, missing time with injuries, not the least of which was surgery to remove a piece of his skull in 2011. Gil Hanse renovated the Blue Monster to make it more sensational with so much water hugging the fairways and greens. That was never an issue for Holmes. He finished his round with an 8-foot par putt, which he said was the closest he came to bogey all day. "By about 5 feet," he said. The start was nothing short of deal. Holmes two-putted for birdie on the par-5 10th, holed a 35foot birdie putt on the 11th, and then smashed a drive downwind on the 603-yard 12th hole. He hit 6-iron thinking he might be able to clear the bunker, and it turned out better than he imagined, a foot away from the hole for an eagle. The rest of the round, playing in tropical warmth and typical south Florida wind, was a matter of keeping it below the hole and making putts.

This was never his favorite

WGC event the two previous times he played it.

"One of my least favorite tracks on tour," he said of the previous design. "It was just too easy. I felt like for a World Golf Championship, 22 under winning shouldn't really happen. It's a very difficult golf course. I played great today."

He was right on both counts.

The average score was 73.4, meaning that Holmes was more than 11 shots better than the field, the best standard of a great round. His 62 matched the tournament record set by Bubba Watson at Doral in 2012, and Sergio Garcia and Retief Goosen at Mount Juliet in Ireland in 2002.

McIlroy's standard is slightly off at the moment.

Already a winner in Dubai and a runner-up in Abu Dhabi, he missed the cut last week at the Honda Classic after a month break and said he felt tentative. A week later, not much changed. Poor tee shots kept him from reaching the par 5s on the back nine in two. He twice failed to save par from the bunkers. And then from the middle of the fairway on the 18th hole — the tee shot is supposed to be the hard part — he was caught between clubs and tugged a 7-iron short, down the bank and into the water for a double bogey. On his next tee shot, McIlroy was 5 yards away from going into the water — on the adjacent Red Course. "It is very good on the range and it is very good in normal play when I'm not playing a tournament," McIlroy said. "Then I've got a card in my hand the last couple weeks and it just hasn't quite been there. It's nice you can get round rounds this week and sort of try to play your way into some sort of rhythm. I don't feel like it's that far away. That's the frustrating thing." But he's far away from the lead. McIlroy already was 11 shots behind.

# Park, Tseng share lead at HSBC Champions, Ko 2 strokes back

**SINGAPORE (AP)** — Inbee Park and Yani Tseng both shot 6-under 66 on Thursday to share the lead after the opening round of the HSBC Women's Champi-

Park's sixth birdie on the Golf Club left her tied with Tseng, who carded seven birdies and one bogey.

Angela Stanford of the United States was in third place, one stroke back.

"The front nine is a tougher nine," said Park, who had five birdies after the turn.

"I didn't play too aggressively on the front nine, but the back nine I had a lot of shots."

Tseng also had a late charge, with birdies on four of her last seven holes to build momentum headpar-5 18th at Sentosa ina into the second round. Top-ranked Lydia Ko offset two bogeys with six birdies for a 68 and was tied for fourth with Karrie Webb, Jenny Shin, Mo Martin and Mariajo Uribe.

The 17-year-old Ko won her previous two tourna-

Paula Creamer, who won last year's tournament with a 75-foot putt, struggled to a 74. Michelle Wie had a 73 that included a doublebogey on the par-5 No. 7. Lexi Thompson had a holein-one on the par-3 14th and was tied for ninth at 3-under 69.

"I hit a low controlled 7-iron from 150," Thompson said of her ace. "It was looking good the whole way, so I was just waiting for it to drop. I let go of my club. I don't even know what I did honestly."

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#### **NBA** Capsules

# Westbrook has career-high 49, lifts Thunder past 76ers in OT

#### **The Associated Press** OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) -

Russell Westbrook set career highs with 49 points and 16 rebounds, and added 10 assists for his fourth consecutive triple-double, helping the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Philadelphia 76ers 123-118 in overtime Wednesday night.

Westbrook became the first player since Michael Jordan in 1989 to have four consecutive triple-doubles, according to STATS, and the first since Jordan that year to have back-to-back triple-doubles with at least 40 points. Jordan had seven straight triple-doubles and 10 in an 11-game span in 1989 for Chicago.

It was the most points by any player with a tripledouble since Larry Bird also had 49 in 1992.

Westbrook wore a mask and a headband after fracturing a bone in his right cheek Friday night against Portland. He had surgery Saturday and missed a game Sunday against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Isaiah Canaan had career highs of 31 points and eight 3-pointers, and Jason Richardson added 29 points for the 76ers.

CAVALIERS 120, RAPTORS 112

TORONTO (AP) — LeBron James scored 29 points and matched a season high with 14 assists, Kevin Love had 22 points and 10 rebounds and Cleveland held on to beat Toronto.

Kyrie Irving scored 26 points, J.R. Smith had 15 and James Jones 14 to help the Cavaliers win their second straight. They improved to 9-8 in the second game of back-to-backs.

Jonas Valanciunas had 26 points and 11 rebounds, Lou Williams scored 21 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter, and DeMar DeRozan had 25 points for the Raptors. They lost for the sixth time in seven games. James finished four rebounds shy of a triple-dou-

GRIZZLIES 102, ROCKETS 100 HOUSTON (AP) — Marc Gasol made a jumper with 0.1

past Houston.

With the game tied, Gasol blocked James Harden's layup with 6.4 seconds left to give the Grizzlies the ball back for his winner. Gasol finished with 21 points.

Courtney Lee made a pair of free throws with about a minute remaining to give Memphis a 100-98 lead. Terrence Jones tied it with a hook shot seconds later, and Gasol missed on the other end to set up the final sequence.

The win extended the Grizzlies lead over secondplace Houston in the Southwest Division and tied the season series at 2-2.

Jones had 21 points and Harden scored 18 in his return after a one-game suspension for kicking LeBron James on Sunday.

PELICANS 88, PISTONS 85 NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Anthony Davis had 39 points, 13 rebounds and eight blocks in his first game back from a right shoulder sprain, and New Orleans won for the sixth time in seven games.

Davis hit two mid-range jumpers in the last 1:14, the second with 18 seconds left, to hold off Detroit in a frenetic game that was close throughout the second half.

In only his third season, Davis has a Pelicans careerrecord 437 blocks. His seventh of the game gave him the record, surpassing David West's mark of 435. Tyreke Evans had 21 points and nine assists for New Or-

Jodie Meeks scored 20 points for Detroit.

WARRIORS 102, BUCKS 93 OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry shook off a rough shooting night to make three straight 3-pointers early in the fourth quarter that helped the Golden State Warriors beat Milwaukee in their return from a season-high, six-game road trip.

Draymond Green had 23 points and 12 rebounds on his 25th birthday, Klay Thompson scored 17 and Shaun Livingston added

seconds left to lift Memphis 16 for the Warriors, who improved to an NBA-best 25-2 at home.

> Giannis Antetokounmpo and Michael Carter-Williams scored 16 points each for the Bucks, who have lost six of seven and went winless on a four-game trip.

> After playing 10 of the previous 11 on the road, Golden State was locked in a close game until Curry found his shooting stroke in the fourth quarter. He finished with 19 points and 11 assists.

HEAT 100, LAKERS 94

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade scored 25 points and added six assists, Hassan Whiteside grabbed 25 rebounds and Miami rallied to beat Los Angeles.

Wade's last two assists set up Whiteside for crucial scores in the final moments. The Heat held on to the No. 7 spot in the Eastern Conference playoff race and posted two straight home wins for the first time in more than four months.

Goran Dragic scored 21 points and Whiteside finished with 18 for the Heat. who got 15 from Luol Deng and won for just the fifth time in 26 games when trailing at halftime.

Ed Davis had 14 points and 12 rebounds, Wayne Ellington scored 14 points and Jordan Hill had a 13-point, 10-rebound night for the Lakers.

CELTICS 85, JAZZ 84

BOSTON (AP) — Tyler Zeller banked in a shot from under the basket as time expired to lift Boston past Utah.After Boston blew an eight-point lead in the final 2 1/2 minutes, Marcus Smart made a long inbounds pass to Zeller under the basket. He banked it off the backboard with 0.1 seconds showing on the clock. It went through the net as the buzzer sounded and was upheld after a re-

Isaiah Thomas led Boston with 21 points, Jae Crowder had 18 and Avery Bradley added 13 points and seven rebounds to help the Celtics rebound from a 31-point loss in Cleveland on Tuesday night.



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Dion Waiters (23) and guard Russell Westbrook, right, celebrate in overtime of an NBA basketball game against the Philadelphia 76ers in Oklahoma City, Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

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## **NHL Capsules**

# Zidlicky's OT goal gives Red Wings 2-1 win over Rangers

**The Associated Press** 

**DETROIT (AP)** — Marek Zidlicky's power-play goal 1:09 into overtime lifted the Detroit Red Wings to a 2-1 victory over the New York Rangers on Wednesday night.

Zidlicky, making his Red Wings debut after being acquired at the NHL trade deadline from New Jersey, punched the puck past goalie Cam Talbot in a scrum to give the Red Wings their second straight win.

Justin Abdelkader scored, and Henrik Zetterberg added two assists, and Jimmy Howard made 39 saves for Detroit.

Talbot made 29 saves for the Rangers, whose lone goal was scored by defenseman Dan Girardi.

The Red Wings played the final 46 seconds of regulation on a power play after Derek Stepan held Gustav Nyquist. The advantage carried into overtime, and Zidlicky cashed in on Detroit's third shot.

DUCKS 3, CANADIENS 1

ANAHEIM. Calif. (AP) John Gibson made 37 saves, and Anaheim moved back atop the overall NHL standings with a victory over Montreal in a meeting of conference leaders.

Francois Beauchemin and



Detroit Red Wings' Marek Zidlicky, facing camera, celebrates his goal in overtime against the New York Rangers with Henrik Zetterberg (40) during an NHL hockey game in Detroit on Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

**Associated Press** 

Rickard Rakell scored for the Ducks (42-17-7), who have won four straight games and seven of eight overall.

Cam Fowler added a shorthanded, empty-net goal with 2:02 to play before Alex Galchenyuk ruined Gibson's shutout bid on a power-play goal with 1:41 left.

Despite playing its third game in four nights, Anaheim shut down the Eastern

Conference's top team to open a two-point lead over Nashville and a four-point margin over Montreal.

Carey Price stopped 30 shots, but lost consecutive games for the first time since Jan. 6-10.

AVALANCHE 3, PENGUINS 1 DENVER (AP) — Gabriel Landeskog had a goal and two assists, Semyon Varlamov made 28 saves, and Colorado snapped Pittsburgh's four-game winning Jarome Iginla scored 13 seconds into the second period and Nathan MacKinnon, wearing a shield to protect his broken nose, added a goal with his skate

for Colorado on a night

when Alex Tanguay played

in his 1,000th NHL game.

streak.

Evgeni Malkin scored the lone goal for the Penguins. The Avalanche are 16-5-6 against Pittsburgh since moving to Denver in 199596. Varlamov played in his 20th straight game and improved to 10-8-2 during the streak. He stymied Sidney Crosby and Malkin — two of the NHL's top scorers for most of the game, before allowing Malkin's goal off a rebound midway through the third period. SENATORS 3, JETS 1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) - Rookie Andrew Hammond made 35 saves, and Kyle Turris had a goal and assist as Ottawa beat Winnipeg. Bobby Ryan and Erik Condra also scored for Ottawa (28-23-11), which came off a 3-2 shootout loss on Tuesday at Minnesota. The Senators are 6-0-1 in their last seven games. With 67 points, Ottawa is four points out of a wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference playoff race. Michael Frolik netted the only goal against Hammond, scoring early in the third period after the Senators built a 3-0 lead. Hammond, 6-0-1 since his first start on Feb. 18, started his seventh straight game because Craig Anderson is sidelined with a hand injury.

Michael Hutchinson made his fifth straight start for Winnipeg (32-21-12), but was replaced by Ondrej Pavelec with 8:06 left in the second period after Condra made it 3-0.



In this Feb. 1, 1998 file photo, Marcelo Rios of Chile in action during the men's final of the Australian Open against Petr Korda of the Czech Republic in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998.

# Former No. 1 Rios asks for doping check of Petr Korda from 1998

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — will support Marcelo be-Chile officials will back a re- cause he's the best player quest by former world No. 1 Marcelo Rios to have the International Tennis Federation investigate whether Petr Korda committed a doping violation in the 1998 Valdebenito also said the Australian Open.

in the final.

Korda tested positive for a banned steroid later that year at Wimbledon, but wasn't penalized for it until after he retired in mid-1999. "Chile Tennis Federation

in Chile's history," Rodrigo Valdebenito, a spokesman for the federation told The Associated Press on Thursday.

tederation would request Korda beat Rios 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 the probe in the coming months.

> Rios has said he wants to receive the title if its proven Korda violated doping rules. Rios reached his only grand slam final in Australia. He retired in 2004.



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# Size matters: Phones as big as they can get for easy use

**ANICK JESDANUN AP Technology Writer NEW YORK (AP)** — There was a time you could count on phones getting larger each year. Samsung's runaway success with the bigscreen smartphone even spurred Apple to release a supersized model last fall. But if phones get any bigger will they be too hard to use? That's the worry of some smartphone makers, and the reason why many of the new models this year didn't grow. LG even shrank the G Flex 2 to a 5.5-inch screen, as measured diagonally, compared with 6 inches before. So, how much does

#### **JUST THE RIGHT SIZE**

size matter?

"The size of the phone really is at the sweet spot," said Drew Bamford, corporate vice president of HTC Creative Labs, which studies how consumers use phones. Bamford said a larger phone would be too cumbersome to use with one hand. That was also the thinking at Samsung, which has long promoted its phones as "the next big thing." Hong Yeo, a senior designer at Samsung, said those who really need a larger screen could turn to other models, such as the 5.7-inch Galaxy Note 4. For the S6, 5.1 inches was "the perfect size for what we want to do," he said. IDC analyst Ramon Llamas said the ideal display size tends to be 4.5 inches to 5.5 inches these days. "Screens have grown faster than hands," said Rick Osterloh, Motorola's president. The company's new Moto E phone is just slightly larger — with a display measuring 4.5 inches, compared with 4.3 inches for last year's model. Samsung's Galaxy S6 stays at 5.1 inches, while the new HTC One remains

at 5 inche

#### CHANGING COMPETITION

It might not be a coincidence that Android phone makers are playing down phone size just as Apple has caught up by making its iPhones bigger, a move that eliminated a key advantage Android phones had long enjoyed. Now, Android phone makers are looking at other ways to persuade consumers to upgrade. For the Flex, it's a curved screen, along with self-repairing capabilities when the back aets scratched. Camera improvements are touted in the new Samsung and HTC phones. The new Samsung S6 phones also have better screen resolution even as the size remains the same.

#### **FICKLE CONSUMERS**

Consumers do like larger displays as they rely increasingly on mobile devices for entertainment and information. The larger screens also make typing easier. Preferences for larger phones can be seen in the high demand for both the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, which made Apple the world's top smartphone maker in the final three months of 2014, according to Gartner. But consumers want something comfortable to hold. Ramchan Woo, a vice president and head of mobile product planning at LG Electronics Inc., said the 6-inch display of the original G Flex was both a chief compliment and a chief complaint. That said, what's acceptable "has been in flux to some degree for the past few years," HTC's Bamford said. A few years ago, the "sweet spot" was closer to 4 inches. Now, it's at about 5 inches. He said that as people see what they can do with larger screens, they are



In this March 1, 2015 file photo, the new Galaxy S6 and S6 Edge phones are displayed during a Samsung Galaxy Unpacked 2015 event on the eve of the Mobile World Congress wireless show in Barcelona, Spain.

**Associated Press** 

willing to put up with more. Shoneel Kolhatkar, senior director of U.S. product marketing at Samsung, said that while the company believes the phone's size is right for now, he will "never say it will never increase."There are some regional variations, too. Bamford said Asian markets tend to accept bigger phones, possibly because people there are more likely to carry bags, rather than use pockets to carry phones.

#### MORE THAN THE SCREEN SIZE

One trick to giving consumers a larger display without decreasing comfort: Shrink the phone's frame so that the overall size isn't bigger. But the frame is already minimal, and doing more poses an engineering challenge — and could make phones more expensive.

"The key innovation that we're driving toward is

phones more expensive.
"The key innovation that we're driving toward is more screen as a percentage of the surface area," Motorola's Osterloh said.
"We just try to make it more and more screen."

# Apple, Android browsers vulnerable to 'FREAK attack'

BRANDON BAILEY
AP Technology Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Millions of people may have been left vulnerable to hackers while surfing the web on Apple and Google devices, thanks to a newly discovered security flaw known as "FREAK attack." There's no evidence so far that any hackers have exploited the weakness, which companies are now moving to repair. Researchers blame the problem on an old government policy, abandoned over a decade ago, which required U.S. software makers to use weaker security in encryption programs sold overseas due to national security concerns. Many popular websites and some Internet browsers continued to accept the weaker software. or can be tricked into using

it, according to experts at several research institutions who reported their findings Tuesday. They said that could make it easier for hackers to break the encryption that's supposed to prevent digital eavesdropping when a visitor types sensitive information into a website. About a third of all encrypted websites were vulnerable as of Tuesday, including sites operated by American Express, Groupon, Kohl's, Marriott and some government agencies, the researchers said. University of Michigan computer scientist Zakir Durumeric said the vulnerability affects Apple web browsers and the browser built into Google's Android software, but not Google's Chrome browser or current browsers from Microsoft or Firefox-maker Mozilla.



# AbbVie to buy drug maker Pharmacyclics for \$21B

#### TOM MURPHY **AP Business Writer**

AbbVie will spend about \$21 billion to buy fellow drugmaker Pharmacyclics and add another major revenue producer to a portfolio that already includes the world's top-selling drug.

The deal will give the North Chicago, Illinois, druamaker Imbruvica, a blood cancer treatment that Pharmacyclics makes and then markets with Johnson & Johnson's Janssen Biotech. AbbVie executives told analysts on Thursday that their company could reap more than \$7 billion in annual sales from Imbruvica in a few years.

Imbruvica is approved in more than 40 countries and treats three different types of blood cancers including chronic lymphocytic leukemia, which is ready approved uses, add the most common leukemia in adults. The oncea-day capsule works by blocking a protein that allows the cancer to multiply and spread.

AbbVie Chairman and CEO Richard Gonzalez told analysts Thursday morning that the drug comes with "vast potential."

AbbVie plans to increase sales for Imbruvica's alnew uses and make it more of a first-line treatment, which basically means it's the initial thing doctors try when treating a patient. That represents a bigger revenue opportunity.

While AbbVie touted the potential benefits of its latest acquisition attempt, several analysts said the deal price surprised them, and investors pushed the price of AbbVie stock down Thursday. In contrast, shares of Sunnyvale, California-based Pharmacyclics jumped in afternoon trading while broader indexes were nearly flat.

Gonzalez told investors that AbbVie outbid two other companies to pull off the Pharmacyclics deal, which was announced late Wednesday. He didn't name the other two.

# US stocks edge higher on utilities and financial stocks

#### STEVE ROTHWELL **AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The stock market closed slightly higher on Thursday as gains for utilities and financial stocks were largely offset by losses in energy and materials companies.

Kroger jumped after rebetter-than-exporting pected earnings that were boosted in part by lower fuel costs. Joy Global, a manufacturer of mining equipment, fell sharply after it said that the worldwide plunge in commodity prices was hurting its business.

Investors got some positive news on the global economy early in the day as the European Central Bank upgraded its growth forecast for the eurozone this year to 1.5 percent from 1 percent. ECB President Mario Draghi also said that the bank's planned 1 trillion euro (\$1.1 trillion) stimulus program will start on March

Even though gains for stocks have slowed this week, major indexes remain close to record levels after a strong surge in February.

Despite steady gains in recent years, stocks remain attractive because interest

"Fundamentally, things are still good," he said. "We think this is an environment of global growth that's good, but not great."

The Nasdaq composite climbed 15.67 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,982.81.

On Thursday, health care stocks got a boost from



Trader Robert McQuade, right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Thursday, March 5, 2015. The stock market closed slightly higher on Thursday as gains for utilities and financial stocks were largely offset by losses in energy and materials companies.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

rates are still close to historic lows, while company earnings are inching higher, said Scott Keifer, a global investment specialist at JPMorgan Private Bank.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.51 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,101.04. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 38.82 points, or 0.2 percent, to 18,135.72. some merger news. The sector was one of the hottest for acquisitions last year, and that trend that looks set to continue in 2015.

Pharmacyclics jumped after AbbVie said it would acquire the company for about \$21 billion. It's AbbVie's first attempt at a major deal since walking away from a \$55 billion takeover of Shire last fall. Pharmacyclics rose \$23.74, or 10.3 percent, to \$254.22, while AbbVie's stock fell \$3.41, or 5.7 percent, to \$56.86.

Investors also got some news on hiring.

The number of people unemployment benefits rose last week to the highest level since May, though the pace of applications remains at a level consistent with steady hiring, the Labor Department said.

The government will publish its monthly jobs report Friday. Economists expect it to show that the U.S. added 240,000 jobs in February after adding 257,000 jobs in January. Investors will also be watching for signs of wage growth. In January, average hourly wage rose 12 cents to \$24.75, a jump of 0.5 percent, the sharpest since 2008.□

# Standard Chartered profit fell 37 percent in 2014

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generates most of its earnings in Asia, said Wednesday that profit fell 37 percent in 2014. It cited higher charges for bad loans and other credit risks, an accounting charge on its Korean business, and a previously announced settlement with

the U.S. authorities.

sacrificed some profit as it moved to cut costs, reshape its operations and focus on less risky businesses. The bank said it was targeting cost reductions of \$1.8 billion over the next three vears, would cut another 2,000 jobs in its retail opera-

tions this year and would But Peter Sands, the bank's further reduce the risk in its jobs in its retail operations in

> Standard Chartered also disposed of 15 underperforming and nonstrategic businesses, or is in the process of exiting them.

> week, Standard Chartered announced it

planned to shake up its leadership, which included tive since 2006; its chairman; and several long-serving directors.

"I leave Standard Chartered proud of what we have achieved and confident about what the future holds for this extraordinary institution," Sands said in a news release.

The bank has brought on LONDON - The British bank departing chief execu- loan portfolios and business the departures of Sands, William T. Winters, the former Standard Chartered, which tive, said the lender had lines. The lender cut 2,000 who had been chief execu-head of JPMorgan Chase's investment bank, as its new chief executive. He is expected to take over in June. The lender's bonus pool for 2014 was down 9 percent from 2013 and 27 percent from 2011, said John W. Peace, the Standard Chartered chairman.



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## Hillary and the Machine



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With Jeb Bush committed and Hillary Clinton all but crowned, the easiest story to tell about 2016 is a tale of two dynasties, a Bush-Clinton grudge match, a fated collision between the first families of American politics.

But only one party is actively cooperating with that narrative. Clinton's inevitability may inspire as much resignation as enthusiasm, but she's currently so far ahead of her "rivals" that she looks like she could win the Democratic nomination with a William McKinleyesque front porch campaign - if her Georgetown mansion had one, that is.

On the Republican side, though, Bush's alleged front-runner status doesn't show up in any polls. He's locking up money and talent, but his actual numbers are bobbing along in the teens, and his approval ratings are not the kind you associate with a man of destiny. He may win the nomination, but it will be a near-run thing, and nothing like the looming Democratic coronation.

Given the stereotypes about our parties, this is a notable reversal. The Republicans are supposed to be the party of primogeniture, the Democrats of fratricide. The now-ancient Will Rogers joke - "I belong to no organized political party; I'm a Democrat" - has been recycled for decades for a reason.

But since Barack Obama outlasted Hillary in 2008, the Republican Party has fractured and squabbled and cannibalized itself, while the Democrats have become the lock-step party, their internal feuds sedate and their policy divisions mostly buried. Clinton's unassailable position is specific to the former first lady, but it's also part of a pattern where Democrats pick their candidates early - the winnowing of challengers to Kamala Harris in the California Senate primary is a case in point - and mostly avoid insurgencies in their primary campaigns.

To some extent this is normal: The stereotypes aside, both parties are more unified when they hold the White House and more fractious when they don't. But the level of Democratic unity really is unusual by historical standards (Obama has faced much less intraparty opposition than did Bill Clinton or Jimmy Carter), and it's particularly unusual given how poorly Democrats have fared outside of Obama's presidential runs - losing the House in 2010 and the Senate last fall, and getting hammered in state politics.

At some point you would expect those defeats to have a fracturing effect, to inspire grass-roots uprisings or ideological splits. But notwithstanding the occasional surprise showing from a Zephyr Teachout or a Jesus Garcia, and notwithstanding the pining of the Warrenistas, the Democrats are poised to enter the lists in 2016 with the same "hang together" strategy they've taken throughout the Obama years.

One way to look at this strategy is that the party's power brokers are effectively choosing the preservation of their impressive but ramshackle presidential-level majority, whose e pluribus unum qualities they don't want to test with any kind of civil war over the kind of debates and experiments that might make the Democrats more competitive in reddish states and off-year elections.

The unvoiced assumption is that the coalition of 2008 and 2012 exists in a very precise equilibrium (more populism might alienate the liberal rich and upper-class professionals, a bigger tent on social issues might alienate the activists and depress turnout, etc.), and since it's worked twice, it's worth sticking with again, even if it isn't likely to take back Congress anytime soon.

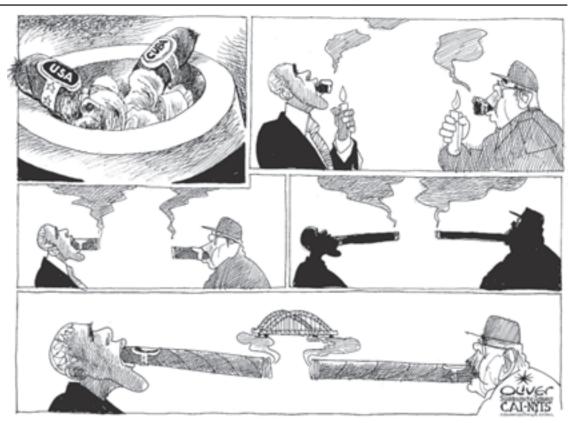
At the national level, that choice makes a certain sense. The presidency increasingly bestrides our political system, liberals already have most of the welfare state they want and, as Obama's imperial second term is demonstrating, a creative Caesar can use the bureaucracy to play offense on policy without having either the House or Senate on his side.

But the choice also has downsides, both in terms of what it concedes to Republicans (the entire South, to begin with) and in terms of the possibilities foreclosed, the escape hatches sealed off, when primaries and presidential nominations are predetermined.

I've written before that Hillary is the candidate most likely to hold a version of the Obama coalition together. But that doesn't mean it will be pretty to watch. As we've been reminded by the revelations about all the foreign powers that donated to what is now known as the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation during Hillary's tenure as secretary of state, she's a celebrity on the surface and the very model of a postmodern machine politician underneath, with the ooze of corruption clinging to all the levers that she'll need to pull to win.

For the sake of their existing presidential majority, the Democrats are lucky to have her. Where their integrity and ideals are concerned, maybe not so much.

And there may come a time, during the inevitable sleaze of a Clinton restoration if not sooner, when they may find themselves wishing they could just blow the whole thing up.



# **CPAC: Hackneyed and Hollow**



#### CHARLES M. BLOW © 2015 New York Times

I never know how to set my expectations for the Conservative Political Action Conference, also known as CPAC.

I try to approach it with as much of an open mind as I can muster, understanding that I am at odds, fundamentally, with many conservative principles and conservatives' views about the role, size and scope of government, but also realizing that apart from a debate setting, this may be the best place to take the temperature of, and hear from, the broadest range of conservative leaders.

I still think, perhaps naïvely so, that people can be ideologically opposed but intellectually engaged, that a good idea makes the best bridge.

So I do my best to follow the speeches - from afar (thank you, live streaming!) - and wait to hear something that jolts my consciousness or challenges my sense of things.

But once again this year, I was disappointed.

There remains in the Republican Party, as evidenced by the speakers at this event, a breathtaking narrowness of vision and deficit of creative thought.

The confab, for the most part, felt to me like a revelry of contrarians. Rather than presenting the party as one with a plan, many of the speakers seemed determined to cement it as the

party of resistance and opposition.

Where were the grand conservative thinkers? Where was the philosophical heft? Where was the vision of a future not built on transporting to the past?

It was largely absent. In its place was too much rhetoric about defending, defeating, defunding, deauthorizing. There was so much anti-Obama and anti-Hillary obsessing that the "pro" alternatives - to the extent that a case could be made - were obscured.

Furthermore, it was hard to skip over all the missteps.

Scott Walker, the leader in a new and oh-so-early Quinnipiac University poll of likely lowa Republican caucus participants, compared union protesters in Wisconsin to the savage members of the Islamic State.

Rick Perry still couldn't get his facts straight. He said the president "says that ISIS is a religious movement. Again, he's simply wrong." No, sir, you are wrong. The president has taken pains to make the opposite argument, and has taken some shots for that. Perry also said that "ISIS represents the worst threat to freedom since communism." Really? Calm down, cowboy.

Chris Christie hung much of his question-and-answer presentation on bemoaning his coverage in the media, skirting the obvious fact that previous media fawning is a large part of the reason he rose to national prominence. Live by the pen; die by the pen.

Jeb Bush did his best before a somewhat hostile crowd - there were boos and hisses and some folks walked out (some in costume, of course) and reportedly shouted, "No more Bushes." It must be noted here that CPAC is a particular kind of crowd: not exactly like the Republican electorate, and not at all like the national electorate as a whole. (Rand Paul has won the last three CPAC straw polls.)

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But Bush seemed awkward and

uncomfortable, trying to set up camp on both sides of the ravine on some issues like immigration and the Common Core. At least he made the point that conservatives "have to start being for things again."

This is where the Republican Party continues to falter. The cavalcade of contra nothingness at CPAC barreled forward with more speakers who lacked vision and brio.

I guess one could make the argument that if the Republican pool of candidates is wide but shallow, that's good for Democrats. Indeed, it is.

Republicans have done exceedingly well in the recent midterms - in part because of anti-Obama Tea Party animus in 2010 and the fact that voter turnout for the 2014 midterms was the lowest of any election cycle since World War II. But presidential election years are a different story: They are national elections with a different electoral profile and greater participation.

And nationally, the Republican brand remains tarnished.

A Pew Research Center report released last week found that "majorities say the Democratic Party is open and tolerant, cares about the middle class and is not 'too extreme.' By contrast, most Americans see the GOP lacking in tolerance and empathy for the middle class, and half view it as too extreme."

This, of course, does not mean Democrats will have it easy in 2016 or thereafter. In fact, history tells us that politics swing like a pendulum

But if this is the quality of candidates and discourse of the Republican side when that pendulum swings back, then that's tragic. If the bulk of your message is about what you are against rather than what you are for, if it's about dragging the country back rather than leading it forward, then we'll all suffer.

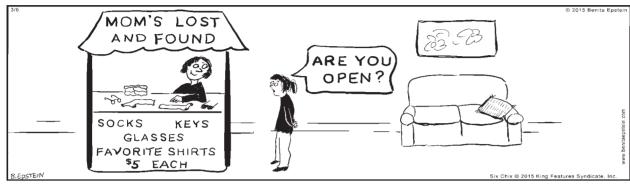
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# UN: World eating too much sugar; cut to 5-10 percent of diet

# MARIA CHENG AP Medical Writer

**LONDON (AP)** — Put down the doughnut. And while you're at it, skip the breakfast cereal, fruit juice, beer and ketchup.

New guidelines from the World Health Organization say the world is eating too much sugar and people should slash their sugar intake to just 5 to 10 percent of their overall calories.

The guidelines finalize draft advice first released last year, which were published Wednesday after a year of consultations.

They are focused on the added sugars in processed food and those in honey, syrups and fruit juices. The advice does not apply to naturally occurring sugars in fruits, vegetables and milk, since those come with essential nutrients.

"We have solid evidence that keeping intake of (added) sugars to less than 10 percent of total energy intake reduces the risk of overweight, obesity and tooth decay," Francesco Branca, director of WHO's nutrition department, said in a statement.

Experts have long railed about the dangers of sugar and studies suggest that people who eat large amounts of the sweet stuff are at higher risk of dying prematurely from heart problems, among other complications.

To meet the lower threshold set by the new guidelines,



Foods that might have added sugar or another sweetener like high-fructose corn syrup as an ingredient are pictured Wednesday, March 4, 2015, in New York.

#### **Associated Press**

Americans, Europeans and others in the West would have to slash their average sugar intake by about two-thirds.

In the U.S., adults get about 11 to 15 percent of their calories from sugar; the figure for children is about 16 percent. In Europe, sugar intakes range from about 7 percent in Hungary and Norway to 17 percent in Britain to nearly 25 percent in Portugal.

Some experts said the 10 percent target was more realistic for Western countries than the lower target. They said the 5 percent of daily calories figure was aimed mostly at developing countries, where dental

hygiene isn't good enough to prevent cavities, which can lead to more serious health problems.

Last month, a U.S. government advisory committee advised that sugar be limited to 10 percent of daily calories, marking the first time the U.S. has recommended a limit on added sugars.

The Agriculture and Health and Human Services Departments will take those recommendations into account when writing the final guidelines, due by the end of this year.

WHO had previously suggested an upper limit for sugar consumption at around 10 percent, but is-

sued the lower 5 percent guidance based on what it described as "very low quality evidence" suggesting further health benefits.

"To get down to 5 percent, you wouldn't even be allowed to have orange juice," said Tom Sanders, a professor of nutrition and dietetics at King's College London who wasn't part of the WHO guidelines.

He said it shouldn't be that difficult for most Britons to get their sugar intake to 10 percent of their diet if they limit things like sugary drinks, cereals, beer, cookies and candy.

"I don't want to say that you can't even have jam on your toast, but it is possible to do this with some effort," he said. "Cake is lovely, but it's a treat."

WHO said most people don't realize how much sugar they're eating because it's often hidden in processed foods not considered sweet. The agency pointed out that one tablespoon of ketchup has about 4 grams (1 teaspoon) of sugar and a single can of soda has up to 40 grams (10 teaspoons).

"The trouble is, we really do like sugar in a lot of things," said Kieran Clarke of the University of Oxford, who said the global taste for sugar bordered on an addiction.

"Even if you are not just eating lollies and candy, you are probably eating a fair amount of sugar."

Clarke noted that there's added sugar even in pasta sauces and bran cereals. She said fruit juices and smoothies were common dietary offenders, because they have very concentrated amounts of sugar without the fiber benefits that come with eating the actual fruit.

Clarke welcomed the new WHO guidelines but said people should also consider getting more exercise to balance out their sweet tooths. "If you do enough exercise, you can eat almost anything," she said. "But it's very hard to avoid large amounts of sugar unless all you're eating is fruits and vegetables."





In this Aug. 16, 2012, file photo, Bobbi Kristina Brown, left, and Nick Gordon attend the Los Angeles premiere of "Sparkle" at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles.

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# 'Dr. Phil': To air 'intervention with **Bobbi Brown's partner**

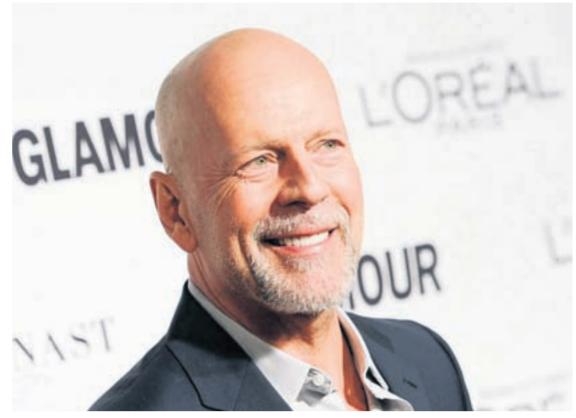
LOS ANGELES (AP) — TV talk show psychologist Phil McGraw will interview Nick Gordon, the partner of hospitalized Bobbi Kristina Brown — daughter of the late music star, Whitney Houston. In a release Thursday, the "Dr. Phil" show said Gordon and his mother, Michelle, described him as haunted by what happened to Brown and the similar tragedy that befell her late mother. Brown, the 22-year-old daughter of Houston and singer Bobby Brown, was found facedown in a bathtub in her home Jan. 31. She remains on life support in an Atlanta hospital.

Her mother was also found

sive in a bathtub in a hotel in 2012, just before the Grammys. "As we sit here right now, my son's life hangs in the balance. When Whitney was found, he administered CPR to her and called me as he was standing in front of her saying, 'Mom, why couldn't I do it? I couldn't get air into her lungs,'" his mother said. "He won't let ao of the auilt.

"Gordon said he's suffered mental anguish and panic attacks since Brown was found, and over Houston's death. McGraw, the TV host spoke with Gordon and his mother in Atlanta on Thursday about Bobbi Kristina for the episode to air March 11.Bobbi Kristina Brown is face-down and unrespont the only child of Houston.

# Bruce Willis to star on Broadway in play of King's 'Misery'



In this Nov. 10, 2014 file photo, Bruce Willis attends the 2014 Glamour Women of the Year Awards at Carnegie Hall in New York.

#### **Associated Press**

#### **MARK KENNEDY AP Drama Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP) —** Bruce Willis will make his Broadway debut this fall in a tale of torture and suspense a stage adaptation of Stephen King's novel "Misery." Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures said Wednesday the "Die Hard" star will star opposite Elizabeth Marvel in the story of a murderous fan united with her beloved romance novelist.

William Goldman has once again adapted the book. His previous film adaptation, based on Stephen King's celebrated novel,

er and released in 1990, starring James Caan and Kathy Bates, who won an Academy Award.

Dates and a theater will be announced later.

The action takes place in a lonely, snow-encased town. While driving on an icy road, novelist Paul Sheldon skids, crashes and is pinned in his car, with his new manuscript tucked away in his nearby briefcase.

Annie Wilkes, his so-called No. 1 fan in the world, finds him, frees him from the car and takes him to her home to nurse him back to health. was directed by Rob Rein- All is fine until she reads the a legendary flop.

new book in which the author has killed off a heroine named Misery who has appeared in a string of romances.

Sheldon is faced with his biggest challenge ever to revive Misery and write another novel. In the process, he must figure out how to outsmart his captor and escape.

The play will be directed by Will Frears.

Marvel's other Broadway credits include "Picnic" and "Other Desert Cities." King hasn't had much success on Broadway, with his "Carrie" in 1988 considered

# Jaime Camil shines as telenovela star on 'Jane the Virgin'

#### **ALICIA RANCILIO Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Last pilot season, Jaime Camil had options — two offers for dramas at ABC and Netflix. Then came a script for The CW's "Jane The Virgin," airing Mondays at 9 p.m. EDT, chaste until marriage but is accidentally artificially inseminated durina a routine checkup. "I was mesmerized. I devoured the script in like 20, 25 minutes," recalled Camil, in a recent in-

terview. The only problem? "In the first episode I believe my character speaks five words," he laughed.

That part was for Rogelio de la Vega, a telenovela star who learns he has an adult daughter who is suddenly a pregnant virgin.

about a young woman Camil and his manager who has vowed to remain reached out to the show's creator and executive producer, Jennie Snyder Urman, to find out the plan be perceived as the comic for the character.

> They liked what they heard and ultimately believed "we had to make a deci-

sion based on the script that touched your heart the most."

The show is a critical hit for The CW, and its lead, Gina Rodriguez, won the Golden Globe for best actress in a comedy. Camil's juxtaposition of a daft, wide-eyed, self-centered, eccentric actor, is quickly making him a fan favorite. "He miaht relief of the show but at the same time he has beautiful, beautiful heartfelt themes," said Camil.



In this Nov. 20, 2014, file photo, Jaime Camil poses in the press room at the 15th annual Latin Grammy Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, in Las Vegas.

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# Anuba TODAY

# Miles O'Brien's life lesson cost his left arm

# DAVID BAUDER AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For television science correspondent Miles O'Brien, seeing on film the aftermath of the fluke injury that resulted in the amputation of his left arm above the elbow proved more difficult than he had anticipated.

He had an early look at the documentary, "Miles O'Brien: A Life Lost and Found," narrated by his friend, Dr. Sanjay Gupta. It premieres on CNN next Tuesday at 9 p.m.

"I was a little bit taken aback by how much it affected me emotionally," O'Brien said. "We all want to talk about this linear, analogue thing — here's when you grieve, here's when you do therapy, here's where you get back to work. But that's not how we all live."

O'Brien, 55, used to be CNN's top science correspondent until the network laid off his entire unit. He appears on the network as an occasional analyst, such as during coverage of last spring's missing Malaysia Airlines plane, but does most of his freelance work now for PBS. He was on assignment for PBS in the Philippines in February 2014 when a heavy case of equipment fell on his left forearm.

It caused a nasty bruise, but not enough to stop O'Brien. He wanted to fin-



This March 7, 2014 file photo released by PBS shows PBS science correspondent Miles O'Brien during the taping of an interview for "PBS Newshour," A documentary, "Miles O'Brien: A Life Lost and Found," narrated by his friend, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, premieres on CNN next Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

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ish his stories and escape for a few days on a beach. The following night, his pain increased and O'Brien sought medical attention. He was diagnosed with acute compartment system, a condition where his swollen muscles blocked blood flow in his arm. As he was getting ready for surgery, he searched the Internet for details on a diagnosis he had never heard before, and grew alarmed when words like "life-threatening" and "amputation" popped up.

Waking up after surgery, O'Brien's first inclination was that he caught a break. He could feel his left arm, the fingers on his hand. But it was an illusion, a phantom limb. His arm was gone.

He checked out of the hospital two days later and spent more than a week in a Philippines hotel, finishing his PBS stories. In an extreme form of denial, the divorced father of two told no one what had happened, even his children. They were dark days, and he told Gupta he even considered suicide.

"I had never lost an arm before," he said, drily. "I wasn't sure how that would go."

He'd never been the sort of person who reached out for help. And he wanted to

prove to himself he could move forward and still do his job. When he found out about the amputation through a blog post O'Brien had written, Gupta was worried.

"I wasn't surprised by Miles' reaction," he said. "My concern was, was this his form of therapy or was he delaying the inevitable psychological crash by not dealing with it emotionally?"

O'Brien has tried to prove he can maintain his active life beyond work, with some missteps. He started running, but losing an arm affected his balance and he took some nasty spills. He broke his nose one time when he reached to break his fall with an arm that was no longer there. A woman who came upon him was horrified — look what happened to his arm! — and O'Brien had to explain he didn't lose it in the fall.

With the help of a prosthetic arm, he completed a 300-mile bike ride to honor his late sister, Gupta pedaling by his side. The licensed pilot has also been testing out how to fly again with his new disability.

He's learning about the oddities of pain in a phantom limb, how to work with new prosthetics and how to negotiate simple tasks—getting dressed, cutting a bagel—that he never had to think twice about before.

When filming the CNN special, O'Brien knew what Gupta was up to when his friend asked him to read on camera some of the emails that Gupta had sent to him a year ago. He was trying to make him cry. It worked. The emotional journey, still not completed, has been one of self-discovery. He's learned that there's no weakness in asking for help. He realizes what loved ones and even strangers think of him, and it has been overwhelming."If I had to trade it — that arm for the knowledge and the love that I feel?" he said. "I'll go with the love. It's a hell of a way to learn a lesson."



In this Dec. 12, 2014 file photo, Pharrell Williams poses in the Z100 Jingle Ball press room at Madison Square Garden in New York. Associated Press

ANTHONY McCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pharrell Williams told a jury
Wednesday that he was
trying to evoke the feel of
Marvin Gaye's music but
did not copy the late sing-

er's work when he crafted the 2013 hit "Blurred Lines." Williams said he grew up listening to Gaye's music and was familiar with his song "Got to Give It Up," but did not use it as a basis for "Blurred Lines," which was

# Pharrell tells jury he didn't copy Gaye music for hit song

a hit for him and collaborators Robin Thicke and T.I.

"He's one of the ones we look up to," Williams said. "This is the last place I want to be."

Williams, Thicke and T.I. are being sued by Gaye's children who claim "Blurred Lines" infringes their father's copyrights for 1977's "Got to Give It Up," but Williams' testimony is crucial because he wrote the song's music and most of its lyrics. Although Thicke received a songwriting credit on the song, he acknowledged earlier in the trial that he didn't do much work on after the most of the song that the didn't do much work on a graph of the song the care of the song that the song the care of the song that the song the care of the case's and the case's on Thursday. Williams spe an hour description to the case of the case's on Thursday. Williams spe an hour description to the case of the case's on Thursday. Williams spe an hour description to the case of the case's on Thursday. Williams spe an hour description to the case's on Thursday. Williams spe an hour description to the case of the case's on Thursday. Williams spe an hour description to the case of the case's on Thursday. Williams spe an hour description to the case of the case's on Thursday. Williams spe an hour description to the case of the case's on Thursday. Williams spe an hour description to the case of the case of the case of the case's on Thursday. Williams spe an hour description to the case of the case

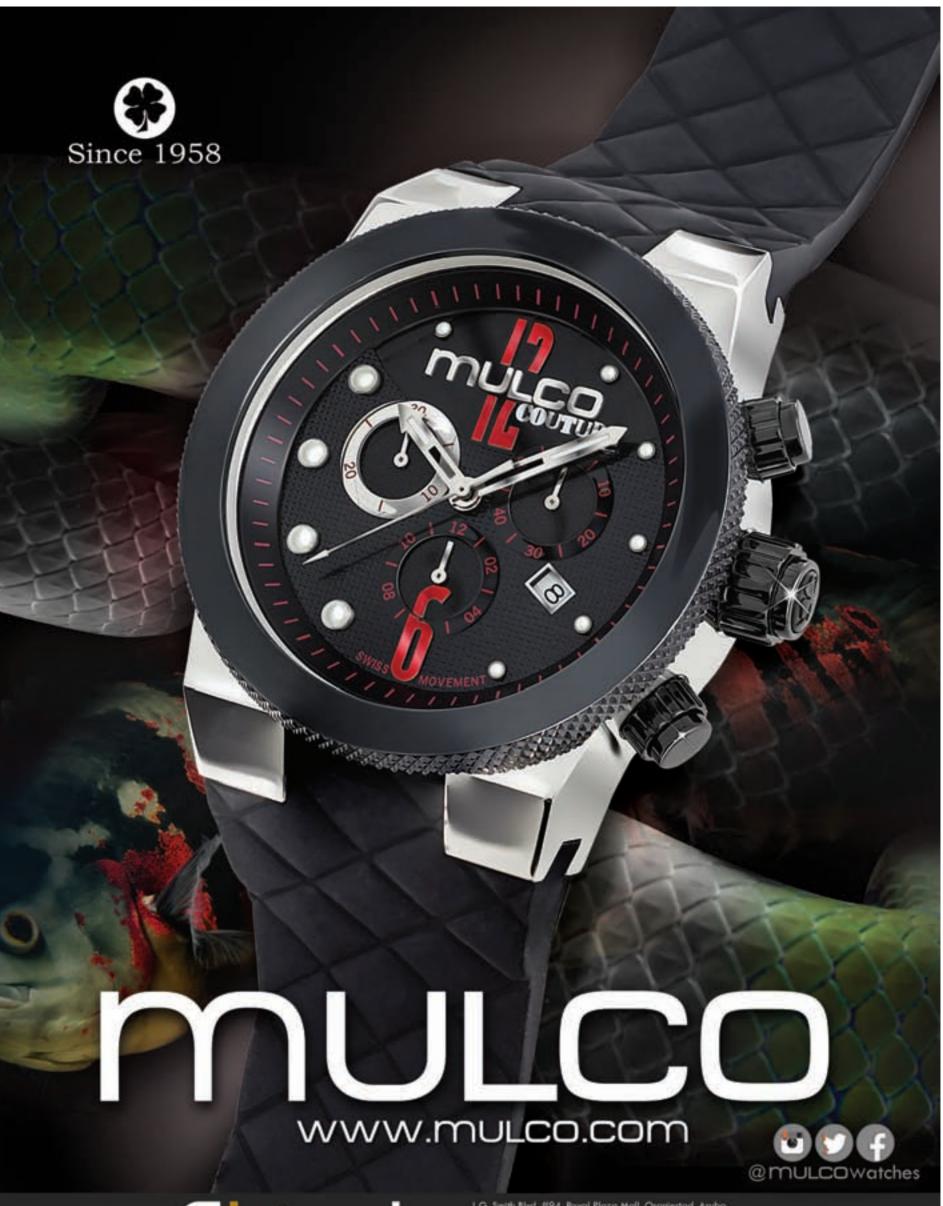
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T.I.'s rap track was added later, and Williams said he wasn't involved in its inclusion in "Blurred Lines," which was nominated for a Grammy Award. T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris, is expected to be among the case's final witnesses on Thursday.

Williams spent more than an hour describing his musical process and he how he crafted "Blurred Lines" in mid-2012 in between working on tracks with Miley Cyrus and rapper Earl Sweatshirt. Thicke arrived after the music and lyr-

ics had been written, Williams recalled. He quickly brought the singer up to speed and they began recording what would become 2013's biggest hit sona.

"Blurred Lines" has earned more than \$16 million in profits and more than \$5 million apiece for Thicke and Williams, according to testimony offered earlier in the trial. Williams said after the song was released, he saw similarities between "Blurred Lines" and Gaye's work but said that wasn't a conscious part of his creative process.



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